

An aerial photograph of a calm lake surrounded by a dense forest. The trees on the left side of the lake show vibrant autumn colors in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The rest of the forest is predominantly green. The lake's surface is still, reflecting the surrounding trees and the sky. The overall scene is serene and scenic.

Michigan Forestry: A Good News Story

Timber Advisory Council

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The Timber Advisory Council advises the departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Development, along with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, on policy, procedure, issues and concerns related to timber management.



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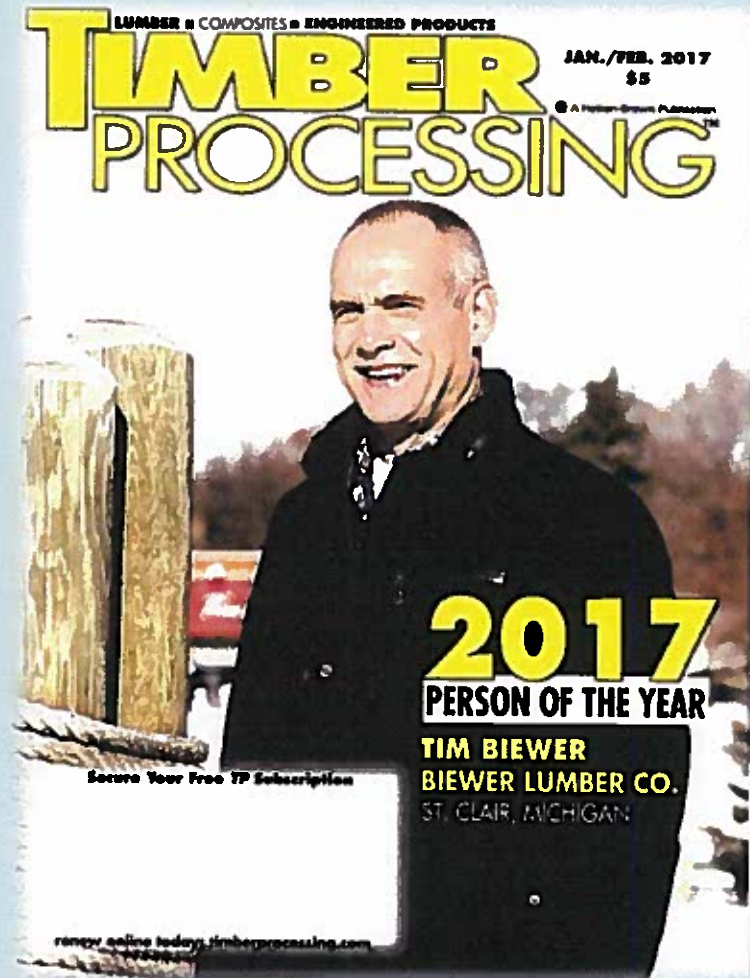
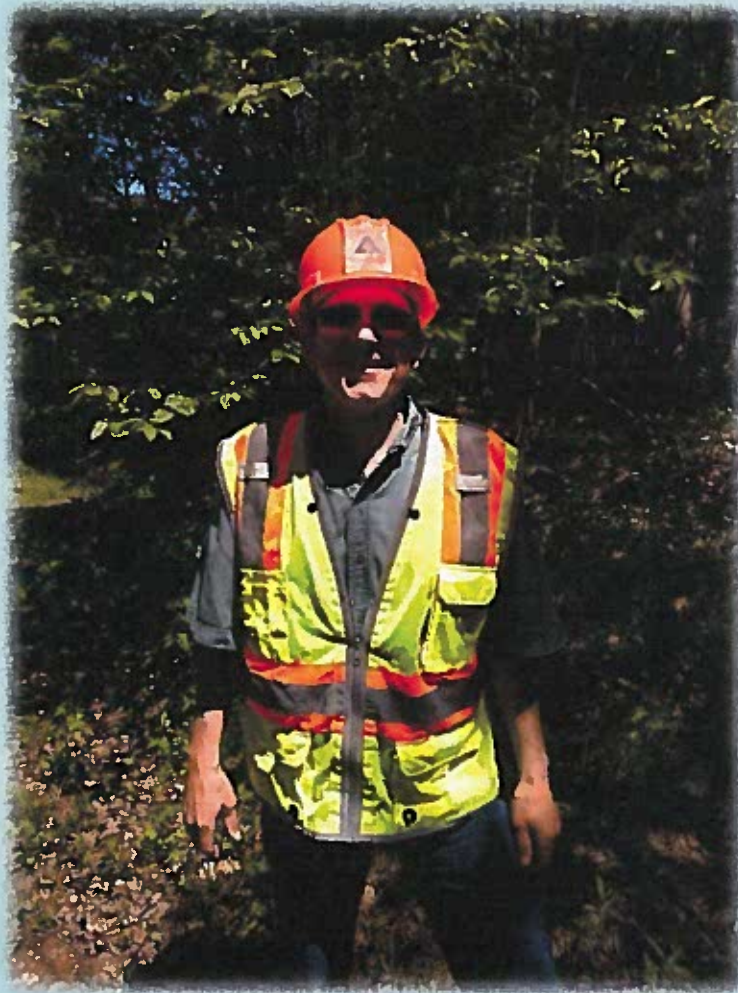
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Governor's Forest Products Summit

Five-Year Goals:

- 4 of 5 goals accomplished
 - \$20 billion economy; 10%+ increase in employment; regional industry development; support existing industry



Michigan's World-Class Forests

20 million acres of forests

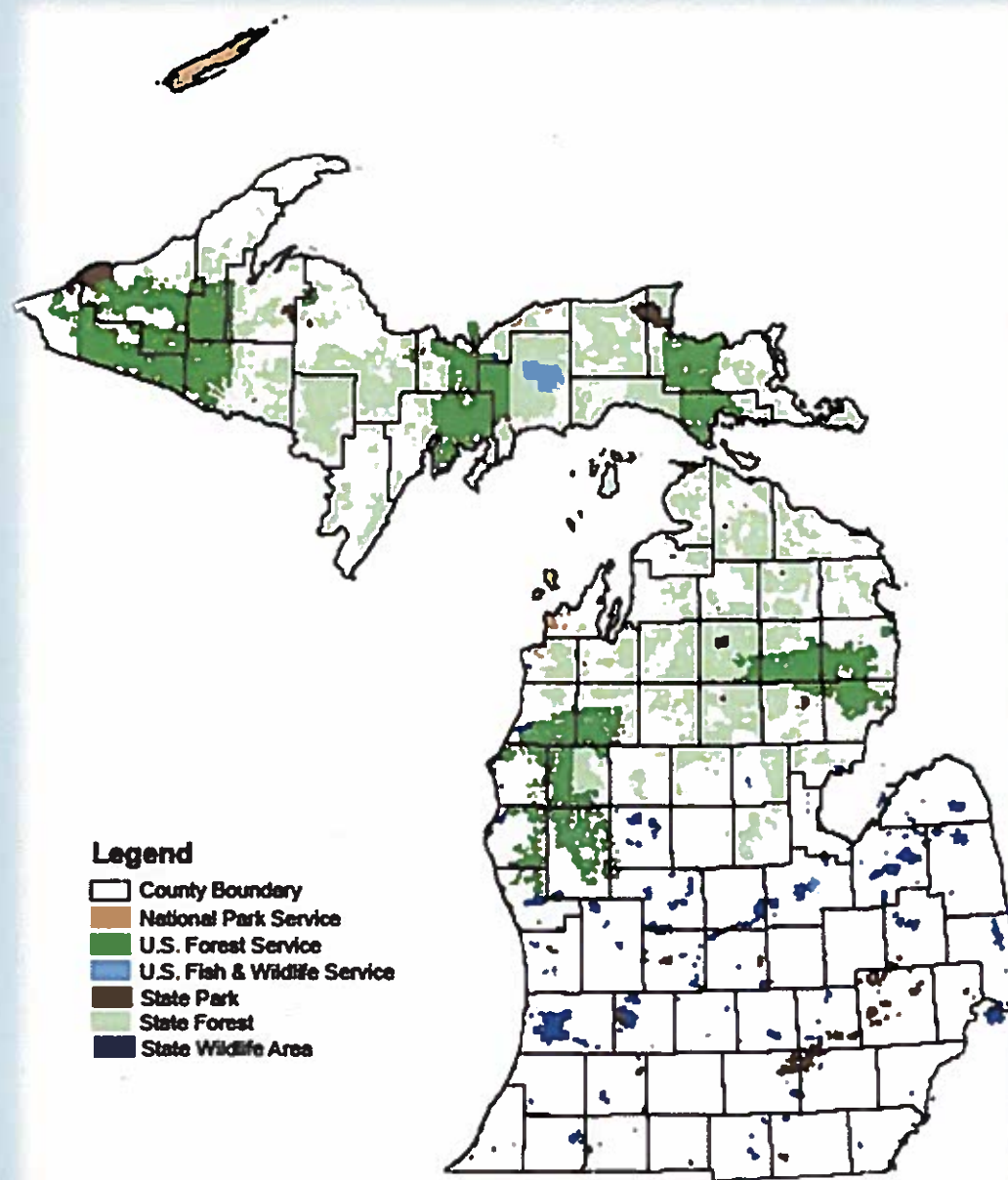
- Ranks 11th nationally
- High quality northern hardwood
- Leader in aspen and red pine
- 4 million acres of state forests



Forest Diversity

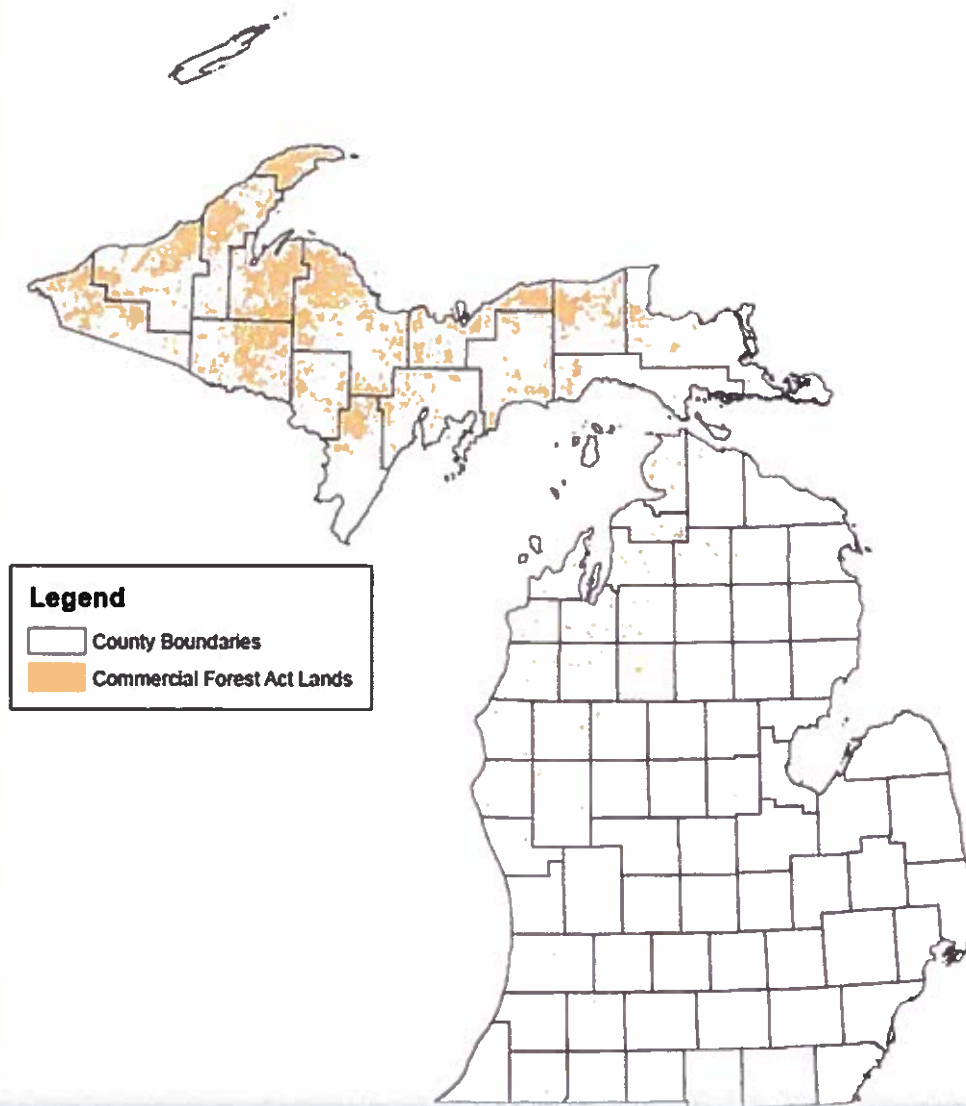


Who owns Michigan's forests?



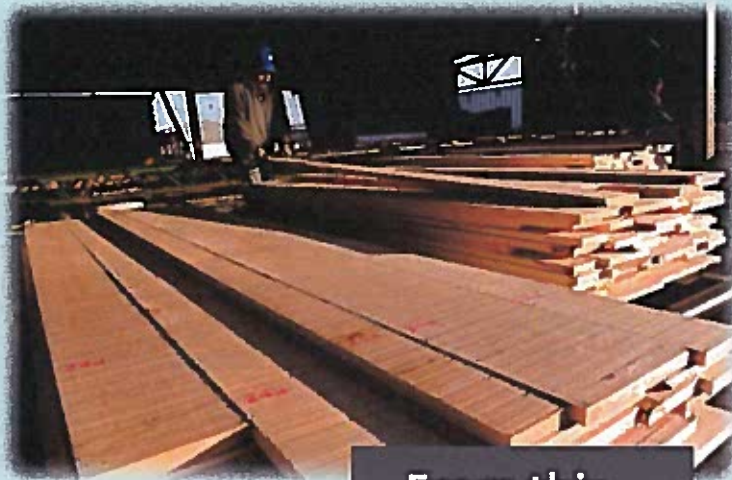
Private Ownership

Commercial Forest Lands



Forest Economy

- Generates \$20 billion in annual economic activity
- Forest economy continues to grow



From this...



...to this

Industry Jobs

- The forest products industry supports 96,000 total jobs
 - Wide variety of jobs in both urban and rural areas
- 1 of 3 manufacturing jobs in the Upper Peninsula are in the forest industry
- 260 mills statewide



Other Economic Impacts of Michigan's Forests

- Michigan's forests provide clean air and water, and quality wildlife habitat
- Hunting and fishing generates \$4.8 billion annually to Michigan's economy
- DNR-managed land and facilities are the backbone of a \$22.8 billion tourism industry



Michigan forestry



Supporting Economic Development: Arauco

- New plant will open in Grayling in Aug. 2018
- Largest particleboard plant in the world
- \$400 million investment
- 200 full-time jobs, 700 construction jobs



Why Michigan?

- Strategically located
 - Good infrastructure
 - Abundant wood supply
 - Proximity to markets
- Positive place to do business
- Positive place to interact with government



Supporting Existing Industries: Good Neighbor Authority

- Michigan is a leader in working cooperatively with federal agencies to actively manage national forest land



Certified Sustainable

- Millions of acres of Michigan's forests are certified under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Consumers trust wood from responsibly managed forests



Summary

- Forest community is working together
- Partnership between industry and State of Michigan is better than it's ever been



Questions?

